

# ORDINANCE COMMITTEE

## A G E N D A

TOWN OF CHINCOTEAGUE

August 8, 2007 - 5:30 P.M. – Council Chambers - Town Hall

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN FORUM / PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

AGENDA ADOPTION:

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1. Consider Adoption of the Revised Chapter 58, Article IV (Sec 107), Minimum Sight Distance at Intersections
2. Retrofitting Fuel Tanks with Anchors, Presentation by Jared Anderson
3. Committee Member Comments

ADJOURN:

# MEMORANDUM

To: Ordinance Committee

Via: Mr. Robert Ritter, Town Manager

From: Mr. Jared B. Anderson, Town Planner

Date: August 2, 2007

Subject: Recommended change in Town Code

Please review and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me (email: [jared@chincoteague-va.gov](mailto:jared@chincoteague-va.gov), or 336-6519).

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During the July 18, 2007 Planning Commission meeting there was discussion regarding two separate occurrences of Sight Distance Triangles in the Town Code and Zoning Ordinance. Chapter 58- Traffic and Vehicles of the Town Code and Section 2.149 of the Zoning Ordinance both mention Sight Distance Triangle. The Planning Commission is holding a public hearing to repeal Section 2.149 from the Zoning Ordinance and thus eliminate the conflict.

This issue actually came up in 2004 and was initiated by the Ordinance Committee (as shown in the June 7, 2004 minutes), however there seems to have been no action taken so there is still a direct conflict between the Town Code and the Zoning Ordinance with respects to the Sight Distance Triangle.

The Planning Commission did recommend that the language in Section 58-107 be changed from "...a point of **10 feet** from the intersecting street" to "...a point of **15 feet** from the intersecting street." The Commissioners felt that 10 feet from intersecting street is not enough space to safely view traffic on an intersecting road.

Prior to discussion, if the Committee so desires a motion could read "move to recommend that Section 58-107 of Chapter 58 be amended to read:

No person, firm or entity owning, leasing or otherwise in possession of real estate in the town, which real estate is situated adjacent to any

highway, street, or public right-of-way, including any sidewalk adjoining thereto, shall erect, place.” No person, firm, or entity owning, leasing or otherwise in possession of real estate in the town, which real estate is situated adjacent to any highway, street, or public right-of-way, including any sidewalk adjoining thereto, shall erect, place, construct, grow, or otherwise maintain on such real estate or the sidewalk adjacent thereto any improvement, permanent or temporary; any structure; any sign; any banner; any tree, shrubbery, or vine; or any other object or thing which prohibits, restricts, or impedes the operator of any motor vehicle utilizing any highway, street, or public way which intersects with the highway, street or public way adjacent to such real estate from having an unobstructed line of sight of at least 250 feet from the intersection of such highway, street, or public way to observe approaching motor vehicles traveling on the highway, street, or public way adjacent to such real estate. The line of sight will be measured at a point ~~ten~~ **fifteen** feet back from the intersecting street.”